

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VANDEBERG et al.

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For: METHOD FOR CURING OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATINGS AND  
INKS BY LOW POWER ELECTRON BEAM RADIATION

January 29, 2001

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LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37) and the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (PTOL-95) dated November 30, 2000. In addition, Applicants acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 dated August 18, 2000, that was attached to these Notices.

Applicants note, however, that the first four references listed on the first page of said Form PTO-1449 do not have the Examiner's initials next to them. A copy of the Form is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants assume that the omission of the Examiner's initials was a clerical error and that all references listed on

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the Form PTO-1449 dated August 18, 2000, have been carefully considered.

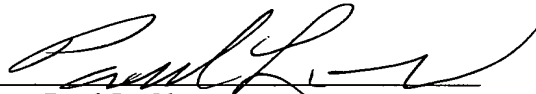
Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested herewith.

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